

AUGUST 16, 2008



**2008 INDIANA STATE FAIR
CHEERLEADING
COMPETITION**



2007 Junior Varsity Winners ★ Jay County

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Welcome to the 2008 Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition. We appreciate your efforts in preparing for this event. Best wishes to all of you at the competition, and we hope you have a safe and enjoyable day at the Indiana State Fair.

Steve Simmerman, Indiana State Fair Board Director
Christina Hunt, Coordinator
Pat Cook, First Assistant

PROJECTED SCHEDULE

(Times approximate depending upon number of entries)



4-5 pm	Junior High Competition
5-6:30 pm	Junior Varsity Competition
6:45-9:45 pm	Small & Large Varsity Competition
10:00 pm	Announcement of all Award Winners



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TROPHIES, PLAQUES AND CASH AWARDS

Small Varsity

(SQUADS OF 10 AND UNDER)

1st through 5th Places — Trophy
6th through 10th Places — Plaque



Large Varsity

(SQUADS OF 11 AND OVER)

1st through 5th Places — Trophy
6th through 10th Places — Plaque

Junior Varsity

1st through 5th Places — Trophy
6th through 10th Places — Plaque

Junior High

(7TH & 8TH GRADE)

1st through 5th Places — Trophy
6th through 10th Places — Plaque



Cash Awards

All 1st places - \$300
All 2nd places - \$250
All 3rd places - \$200
All 4th places - \$150
All 5th - 10th places - \$100

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Saturday, August 16, 2008 • 4:00 pm

Hoosier Lottery Grandstand • Indiana State Fair

Adults - \$6.00 • Children 6-12 - \$3.00; 5 & under - Free

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

1. The Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition is open to Indiana junior high or high school game-cheering squads. (A game-cheering squad is one that cheers in actual game situations.)
2. Each participant, male or female, must be currently enrolled in an Indiana junior high or high school and must be a member in good standing of the competing game-cheering squad.
3. Squad members graduating from high school in 2009 or after are eligible to compete; 2008 graduates are not eligible.
4. An Indiana school may enter its varsity, junior varsity (reserve) or junior high squads in the competition.
5. The eligibility of all participants must be certified by the cheerleader coach and high school principal or athletic director, both of whom must sign the official entry blank.
6. Junior varsity (reserve) and varsity squads **MAY NOT COMPETE TOGETHER.**
7. Freshman squads that are selected by their high schools as junior varsity squads may compete in the junior varsity (reserve) competition. Freshman and junior varsity squads **MAY NOT COMPETE TOGETHER.**
8. 7th & 8th grade squads may compete separately or may be combined in the junior high division.
9. All spotters must be members of the competing game-cheering squad.
10. Any violation of eligibility Terms and Conditions will result in disqualification. If any violation of the Terms and Conditions of the 2008 Cheerleading Competition is observed, a school's coach or adult designee must file a written protest with the Cheerleading Competition Coordinator the day of the competition prior to the presentation of awards. The final decision on any written protest will be made by the Director of the Special Events Department.

ENTRIES

11. An official entry form must be submitted by each school entering its cheerleading squad(s) in the Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition.
12. Each squad will be required to pay a \$50.00 entry fee, which will cover admission fees for all participants (see Number 15). Checks or money orders must be payable to the Indiana State Fair and must accompany entry forms.

13. Mail entry forms and checks or money orders to Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition, c/o Entry Department, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869. **All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, June 27, 2008. Late entries postmarked June 28 - July 18, 2008 must include an additional \$50 per squad. Any entry postmarked after July 18, 2008 will not be accepted. No refunds.**

ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION

14. The order of performance for all squads will be determined by a draw. All squads will be advised of their appearance order and approximate performance time prior to the competition.
15. Cheerleaders and coaches only will be admitted to the Indiana State Fairgrounds free of charge for the Cheerleading Competition. In order to receive parking stickers, cheer coaches must provide on the competition entry form the accurate number of vehicles that will transport the squad(s) to the competition.
16. Any squad that fails to appear in its assigned order will receive ten (10) penalty points.
17. All competitions will be judged on a squad or unit basis. Solo performances will be considered in conjunction with the score of the squad as a whole.
18. The cheerleader coach or the adult designee must be present during his/her squad's performance.

PERFORMANCE

19. Total performance time will be limited to two (2) minutes for each squad in all divisions. Squads going over this time will receive ten (10) penalty points.
20. Timing BEGINS when a squad is announced and ENDS when one member of the squad signals by a wave to the judges that the routine is ended. The squad may then exit the stage.
21. Dimensions of the performance area on the stage are approximately 40' deep by 40' wide.
22. The performance area will be matted for safety. Any squad going out of bounds off the designated performance area will receive ten (10) penalty points.
23. Each participant must compete in the appropriate uniform of his/her school. A dressing room will be available for changing.
24. Jewelry, spirit buttons, corsages should not be worn during the performances. Hair devices may be worn if made of soft material.
25. Music, signs and props other than poms will not be permitted for this competition.
26. Applicable safety rules will be enforced in this competition. We will be following the **2008-2009 National Federation Cheerleading Guidelines**. It is the coach's responsibility to abide by these rules.

JUDGING

27. There will be three judges for each division of the competition. Each judge will score all areas of the competition. The combined total of all three judges will determine the top squads.
28. In addition, two penalty judges will be seated with the other judges and will score all penalties. The penalty judges will record penalty points on one penalty sheet for each squad. Any penalty points will be deducted from a squad's combined total score.
29. Ties in the top 10 placings in all divisions will be reviewed and broken by all three judges.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

30. Names of the top ten squads in all divisions will be announced at the conclusion of the large varsity performances. All trophies and plaques will be awarded at that time.
31. At the end of the Fair, a complete list of finishers and their points for all squads in the competition will be mailed to all cheer coaches whose squads participated in the competition.

VIDEO TAPING

32. Videotaping of the competition will be allowed. An area behind the judges will be designated as the official area for videotaping for each school while its squad is performing. You may also videotape from your seats. Please use courtesy while taping.

High School Coaches - Please make a copy of this brochure and entry form for your Junior High coaches. There will not be a separate mailing to Junior High Schools.



2007 Large Varsity Winner: Highland High School